A NIBILIST'S REMINISCENCES. flow he and his Fellow Students Got Into

Fromble-The Czar's Prison-Afterward. The 19th day of February (O. S.), 1861, is forever ongraved in my memory. I was then 10 years old, and of course could not grasp the full meaning of the great act of liberation. Yet fet that something extraordinary had happened something very dangreeable to the obles, the serfholders, but unusually good for the serfs. I was living with my parents in our village and on that day the church bells pealed proudy as the joyful crowds of serfs hastened to church. The white-haired priest, whose voice trembled with emotion, read from the ambo the emancipation ukase. The faces of the peasants, men and women, were wet with tears of iov. I wept myself without knowing the cause. Then a great event took place. These peasants who had entered the church as sorfs walked out of it freemen.

Scoboda !" ("Freedom !") This magic word on the lips of all; it was heard everywhere. On the way home from church I saw on all sides groups of excited peasants who, instead of paying me the usual respect, uttered remarks and male pats which plainly showed animosity. Frightened, I hurried home. Mamma," I cried, "why do they curse mo?"

"So it has already begun !" said my mother." gazing at my father. And then turning to me she said: "My poor boy! You will have no peasants to serve you; you must work like the

lowest of the mouliks !"

Her voice was choked by bitter tears. My sisters were crying, and I cried, too, though unable to understand what had happened. My father tried to cheer us up, but he did not seem to believe much in the encouraging things he said to us. I remember his telling me that through a university education I might yet attain high position in the Government.

The universities prepare only bureaucratic slaves," replied mother. My father kept silence. Time rolled on. I had been sent to a proeincial classical gymnasium in order to prepare myself for the University. For eight years had been unmersifully drilled, both mentally and physically. At last I had successfully passed the fluxl ordeal—the examination. My bead had been completely filled with the in-tricate rules of the Latin, Greek, German, French, Slavonian, and Russian grammars, so that there had been hardly room enough left for a dozon other sciences, geography (Russian and universal), history (Russian and universal), literature (Russian and universal), mathematics farithmetic, algebra, and geometry), natural sciences (mineralogy, botany, and zoology), natural philosophy, sacred history, the catechism, the history of the Russian Church, and the Orthodox liturgy. I had been regarded a model student, and had been duly presented with the certificate which entitled me to admission to the University.

Meanwhile the spirit of the new time was fast seizing upon Russia. In the gymnasium we had learned only the different sciences; for moral teaching we had gone to the liberal and radical journals and magazines. So it came about that of all my theology I remembered best this: That the age of martyrdom had not yet gone by, and that the greatest love one can show was to give his life for his friends. From natural history I had learned that there was going on all around us a fatal struggle for existence. From the history of the world I had learned of a progress in the life of nations, and that Russia lagged behind all the civilized countries because of her despotic (autogratic we were taught to call it) Government.

A little over ten years ago I arrived in St. Petersburg, a fresh and modest provincial lad. anxious to enlarge my intellectual horizon. It was my luck to be a drop in the first wave of the Nihilist movement. I remember well how our movement began. The Czar's Act of Emanci-

BIG STORIES OF LITTLE INSECTS

Descriptions of Peculiarities by an Ant Collector-A Pitched Battle. "Isn't rice rather strange food for war-

blers?" we asked the owner of a fine lot of birds, who was feeding them with that grain. "These are not rice kernels," he replied, laughing, "but the purse or undeveloped young of ants, the best bird food in the world. In Europe you can buy them by the pint or quart in the market for this purpose, but collecting them in America does not pay. I gather these for my own use on Long Island." "It must require a great deal of pattence."

the reporter continued, picking up a handful

of the white cocoon-like bodies that every one

said. "I make the ants collect them for me,

You see, in every nest of ants there are differ-

ent kinds, males and females, with wings, that

lie around and enjoy themselves, and the work-

ers, who build the houses, make tunnels, and feed the young; you will know them by their

big jaws, just as you would a workingman by

his rough hands. The eggs are little white

specks, and from them come the maggots which

in a few weeks spin a cocoon like these I have

here. Just as soon as the eggs are laid the

workers take them in hand. For two weeks or

more they keep them moist, and when hatched

they feed the maggots. When they turn into

cocoons they carry them around as occasion re-

quires, and on their affection for the young I depend for my bird food. I generally pour a little warm water in the anta' nest or burn to-

bacco or powder near them under ground, and

in a moment hundreds of the workers will be

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OUR BROTHER IN BLACK.

Die Gradual Development in the South-Why he Begins to Reason for Himself.

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seen rushing out, each with one of these kernels of rice, as you thought, in its mouth, and off they go to some safe, dry place and pile them up, rushing back for more until svery one is safe, and then I slip in and bottle them up. I have frequently gotten nearly half a pint from one nest. Any one can see the same thing by destroying a nest in the spring; the workers will rush out on the slightest warning. I've been something of a traveller, and made it a point to collect ants and watch them wherever I have been, and," pulling out a drawer," here are some of them." They were few in numbers, but a worthy assemblage. All phases of authood were arranged by families, and species, perched in mid air, and secured by pins on cork pads each caro-fully labelled with the scientific and common and secured by pins on cork hads, each carafully labelled with the scientific and common hames, while a number on each label referred to a book in which the ant collector had taken notes concerning them. One particular ant, that was labeled as a member of the Formical family, was decked out with an array of spines that could only be compared to fishhooks.

"Birls would never touch them," the collector said, "and that is probably what the spines are for. You see, here are others that have simple straight spines. They came from the East Indies though the family is a worldwide one, and are principally remarkable for their nest-building proclivities. The nest is made of dried leaves, the clares gummed together. They are harmless creatures, and have no means of attack, and depend on their powers of frightening enemies. When slarmed, they rush out of the nest in a body, striking their bodies against the dirial loaves, and making a noise something like that made by a rational search of more recognition and something and search of the research and making a noise something like that made by a rational search of the recognition and search to the recognition and search of the recognition and search

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Here is a green Mainy ant—the *Cooplepila—that has exactly the same habit, and it is a curity out sight to see them rush out and lift themselves as high as their legs will sllow; but it's all more show, for their jaws are blunt and they are comparatively helpess. Here is one, though, "taking up a victous looking and will look of they are comparatively helpess. Here is one, though," taking up a victous looking and will look of the pain it caused. This is one of a similar species that take everything before them. A missionary named Carli was nearly devoured by them on the Conco. He was sick in bed, when suddenly a pet monkey sprang on him. He tried to quiet the little follow, thinking that some rats had probatily frightened him, when several negroes screamed to him to get up because the annus had several negroes screamed to him to get up because the annus had several negroes screamed to him to get up because the annus had several negroes screamed to him to get up because the annus had and the first the first the sum of the colored the first the sum of the Conco. He was sick in bed, when suddenly a pet monkey sprang on him. He tried to quiet the little follow, thinking that some rats had probatically frightened him, when several negroes screamed to him to get up because the annus had an and and the output of the south are rapidly improving the first the sum of the colored the sound and the substantian on the colored the sound to the services of the South are rapidly improving the sum of the services of the sound and the sum of the sound and the sum of the sound and the sum of the sound and the sound to the sound and the sound to the sound the sound to the sound and the sound to the sou

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